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REMARKS

This is UNEVALUATED Information

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1. In March 1954, the Stefanik Barracks in the northeastern sector of Liberec (O 51/G 16) and on the northwest side of the former Kasernen Strasse quartered an infantry unit whose soldiers wore khaki uniforms and red epaulets with undetermined piping.

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Soldiers wearing khaki uniforms with red service color were observed in this installation. In March 1954, no heavy weapons were apparently parked in the area of the site. From 10 to 15 trucks were parked in the area of the installation and other trucks and an undetermined number of jeeps were observed in the garages. A lieutenant colonel sat in an office of the billets. On drives on the Liberec - Rudolfov (O 51/G 16) road, infantrymen were frequently observed practicing in the area between the two towns. 1

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2. In March 1954, the former Zizka Kaserne, about 500 meters northeast of the Stefanik Barracks and on the southeast side of ul. Horská, was also occupied by infantrymen. Troops who wore khaki uniforms with black-bordered red epaulets and numbered about five companies were observed leaving the installation. Occasionally, the soldiers were also observed on trucks. No guns or other heavy weapons were observed from outside. A unit, soldiers of which wore khaki uniforms with red epaulets and band insignia, was located in a separate building of the installation. The soldiers of this unit were very young men.

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3. In the early summer of 1954, the wooden barracks at the airfield 1 kilometer west of the city which were in an excellent state of repair were occupied by an army unit which had no connection with the flying activities. The camp included 16 or 17 barracks of a uniform type which measured about 30 x 10 meters. Eleven of these structures were used as enlisted men's quarters. In July 1954,

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unit was equipped with flame throwers and received training for close-in tank-fighting. The van-like flame throwers which were carried as packs emitted a jet of liquid fire which was up to

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4. Prior to early 1954, the building of the former Jugendfuersorge (youth welfare) on ul. Lesni (formerly Waldzeile) was occupied by police who wore dark uniforms with red epaulets. These police were designated VBs (Verkehrsschutz - Public Security). In early 1954, SSB was redesignated []

5. The fourth story of the building of the former Finanzamt (revenue office) at the intersection of ul. Zitavska (formerly Zittauer Strasse) and ul. Stalinova (formerly Bahnhof Strasse) housed 15 to 20 offices of the border guard troops (PS) where uniformed PS soldiers with doghead insignia and civilians were observed working. 3

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